GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN J & K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to on-going militant/terrorist activities in J&K, major development works in the State in Railways, Power and Highways sectors are delayed abnormally leading to cost escalation;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Centre to ensure speedy implementation of developmental projects in J&K; and

(c) the steps being taken for the long-term development and restoration/reclamation of damaged infrastructure in the Kargil area?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b):The on going terrorist activities in the J&K have resulted in delays and cost escalation of various development works in the State. All Security aspects with regard to terrorism in J&K are reviewed in Unified Head Quarters and Operational Groups and Intelligence Groups at various levels in the State and in Government of India.In addition in order to ensure speedy implementation of various Central and Centrally Sponsored projects in J&K, a Standing Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to review the progress of various on-going projects. Sub-Groups have also been constituted to coordinate with various Central Ministries/Organisations and the State Government for closer monitoring of the projects to ensure better coordination and corrective action wherever necessary.

(c) In Kargil area, the damaged infrastructure viz. Schools, Govt. buildings, bridges, roads, electric lines etc. have been restored by the State Government at an expenditure of Rs. 3 crore provided as Additional Central Assistance.The State Government have since formulated a three-year development plan in Kargil. Planning Commission have allocated an amount of Rs. 6 crores for implementation of the plan as additional Central Assistance under State`s Annual Plan outlay of Rs. 2050 crores for 2001-02.